CONGRESS CONVENES

OPENING OF FIRST SESSION OF FIFTY-SEVENTH CONGRESS.

ORGANIZATION OF THE HOUSES

Senater Frye, President Pro Tem of Senate, Calls That Body to Order. Credentials of New Senators Presented- House Assembles- Speaker Henderson and Other Officers Reelected-Tilt Over Adoption of Rules. Resolution as to Charleston Exhibits

SENATE.

Washington, December 2.-Today's session of the senate was brief and for-

Precisely at 12 o'clock Senator Frye, of Maine, president pro tem of the senate, entered the chamber, ascended to the desk of the presiding officer and rapped for order.

The blind chaplain of the senate, Rev. William Milburn, then delivered his invocation. The roll call of senators developed the presence of seventy-one meraters.

Senator Keen annnounced that his colleague, Senator Sewell, of New Jersey, was detained from the chamber by

Senator Allison, of Iowa, presented the credentials of Charles H. Dietrich and Jos. H. Millard, of Nebraska; Senator Gamble, of South Dakota, presented those of his new colleague, Alfred B. Kittredge, appointed to succeed the late Senator Kyle and Senator Clark, of Montana, offered those of his colleague, Paris Gibson. The new senators were then sworn in.

Senator McLaurin, of South Carolina, offered a joint resolution authorizing the admission free of duty of imports or articles intended to be exhibited at the Charleston exposition and the transfer of the government exhibit at the Buffalo exposition to the Charleston exposi-

Senator Hoar objected to the immediate consideration of the resolution on the ground that it was the universal practice of the senate to transact no business until the president had been informed that congress was prepared to do business. The resolution was withdrawn temporarily.

At 12:15 o'clock the senate took a recess to afford the committee appointed to wait upon the president an oppor-

tunity to perform its duty. When the senate re-convened Senator Gamble, of South Dakota, formally announced the death of Senator Kyle, of mat state. He offered the usual resolation and the senate adjourned until

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The opening day of the first session of the fifty-seventh congress in the house of representatives furnished a spectacle that delighted the crowded galleries. The machinery of the house is cumberous and is set in motion by a laborious process, but the spectators teday evidently did not consider it tedious, as they clung to their places through the entire proceeding, which lasted four and one half hours, probably half the time being consumed in the monotonous calling of the roll.

The organization of the house was accomplished according to the time honored precedents. Speaker Henderson was sworn in by General Bingham, "the father of the house," and after delivering a very graceful speech in recogmition of the honor bestowed upon him in turn administered the oath to

the members elect. The rules of the last house was adopted after a slight jar and then the biennial seat drawing occurred. The latter ceremony was robbed of much of its interest today by the fact that under the new arrangement of seats there are more than enough to go round and these whose names are drawn last do not suffer as they did on former occa-

Just as the hands of the big clock opposite the speaker's chair pointed to 12 Mr. McDowell, the clerk of the house, brought his gavel down. Instantly the buzz of conversation ceased and in the stiliness that followed the clerk announced that prayer would be offered. The members arose and many of the apectators in the gallery also stood with owed heads as Rev. Mr. Couden, the blind chaplain, evoked the divine blessing. Many heads were further lowered as the chaplain paid a beautiful tribute to the late President McKinley and prayed that the present chief executive

might be spared from sudden death. By the direction of the clerk, the roll of the members-elect was called by states. There were no demonstrations during the roll call. When the clerk announced that 318 members-a quorum -had answered to their names, the house proceeded to the election of a speaker.

Mr. Cannon of Illinois, chairman of the republican caucus, placed in nomination General Henderson, of Iowa. The mention of Mr. Henderson's name drew a salvo of applause from the entire republican membership.

Mr. Hay, of Virginia, chairman of the cus, presented the name of Mr. Richardson, of Tennessee, and the democrats gave the name of their leader an enthusiastic reception. A only other populist acting independ-

At the conclusion of the roll call the clerk announced the result of the vote as follows: Henderson 190, Richardson 149, Stark 1, Cummings, of New York, 1.

Mr. Henderson having been declared elected, the clerk appointed Messrs. Richardson, Stark and Cummings a committee to escort the speaker to the

General Henderson appeared two minutes later on the arm of Mr. Richardson. The speaker was greeted with a great outburst of applause from both sides of the house. He came down the aisle and ascended the rostrum with the aid of his cane and stood there for a moment facing a storm of applause. Mr. Richardson then introduced him

Among the tens of thousands who have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for colds and la grippe during the past few years, to our knowledge, not a single case has resulted in pneumonia. Thos. Whitfield & Co., 240 Wabash avenue, Chicago, one of the most prominent retail druggists in that city, in speaking of this, says: "We recommend Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for la grippe in many cases, as it not only gives prompt and complete recovery, la grippe to result in pneumonia." For sale by R. R. Bellamy, druggist.

in a half dozen words. The speaker addressed the house briefly saying: "Gentlemen of the House of Repre-

sentatives, this high honor which you appreciate. All the more do I appreciate it, coming as it does with this generous expression from both sides of the chamber. There is yet left another method for a presiding officer to express his appreciation of such an honor; that is, by a kindly, firm and faithful pany, of Greensboro, capital \$25,000. administration of the law and the rules that govern this body. It will be my aim to discharge impartially the duties of this office. As I said at the opening can successfully administer the duties of his office unless he has the support of the body over which he presides. 1 asked for it then; you gave it to me me once more to invoke that patience, kind consideration and splendid support which was accorded to me in the last congress.

"The maker of laws should not be breaker of the laws. We proceed under law and rules; and the duties devolving upon each and all of the membership of this house will be far better conserved if this principle is kept in mind and acted upon."

After the oaths had been administered Mr. Cannon, of Illinois, presented a resolution for the election of the following Officers of the house; Alexander McDowell, of Pennsylvania, clerk; Henry Casson, of Wisconsin, sergeantat-arms; William J. Glenn, of New York, door keeper; Joseph C. McElroy, postmaster, Rev. H. N Couden, of

Michigan, chaplain. Mr. Hay, of Virginia, on behalf of the minority presented a substitute resolution containing the names of the candidates selected by the democratic caucus last Saturday. The minority resolution was voted down and Mr. Cannon's resolution was adopted with-

out division. The usual formal resolutions to notify the president and the senate of the organization of the house were adopted. Mr. Dalzell then offered the resolution agreed to by the republican caucus on Saturday for the adoption of the rules of the last house with certain specified This drew the first fire from the other

This drew the first firefrom the other side. Mr. Dalzeli was proceeding to explain the nature of these amendments when Mr. Richardson interrupted to ask whether the opportunity was to be given to offer amendments and on receiving a negative reply he protested against such action. He said he desired to offer some amendments which he though would prevail if the gentleman from Iowa (Hepburn) could deliver the forty votes which the newspapers | bed sores, tried DeWitt's Witch Hazel had said he had in the republican caucus last Saturday.

Mr. Dalzell pointed out that the rules | feits. R. R. Bellamy. were practically identical with those of the Fifty-first, Fifty-fourth and succeeding congresses and practically identical with those of the intervening democratic congresses. He yielded five minutes to Mr. Richardson who occupied the time in denouncing the rules. He said he would move to commit the rules to the committee on rules when appointed.

While Mr. Richardson was speaking of Mr. Hepburn's forty followers, Mr. Steele, of Indiana, countered by asking if the McClelan resolution offered at the democratic caucus last Saturday would an evasive reply.

Mr. Hepburn said he had attempted to secure modification of the rules in the fifty-third congress which was democratic and upon that occasion Mr. Richardson himself had bitterly opposed the change. This sally raised a shout of laughter on the republican

Mr. Dalzell moved the previous question which was ordered-176 to 143. Mr. Richardson moved to commit the resolution to the committee on rules which was lost-142 to 185 and the reso-

lutions then were adopted. The speaker assigned the contested election cases from Alabama, Kentucky and Missouri to elections committee No. 1; those from North Carolina, Ohio and South Carolina to No. 2, and those from

Virginia to No. 3. On motion of Mr. Elliott, of South Carolina, a resolution was adopted to allow the importation free of payment of duty of all articles from foreign countries and the transfer of foreign exhibits from the Pan-American exposition at Buffalo for the purpose of exhibition at the South Carolina Inter-State and West Indian exposition at

Charleston, S. C. At 4:30 o'clock the house adjourned.

Saved His Life

"I feel I owe my life to Kodol Dyspepsia Cure," writes H. C. Chrestenson, Hayfield, Minn. "For three years I had dyspepsia so bad that I could hold nothing on my stomach. Finally I was confined to my bed. Doctors said I could not live. I read your advertisement on Kodol Dyspepsia Cure and thought it fit my case and commenced its use. I began to improve from the first bottle. Now I am cured and recommend it to all." R. R. Bellamy.

A DISTRESSING ACCIDENT

A Lady and One Child Burned to Death. Others Seri usly Injured

(Special to The Messenger.) Beaufort, N. C., December 2.-At Cedar Island, forty miles east of Beaufort, Saturday night, Mr. James Daniels, who was sleeping up stairs, was aroused by stifling fumes of smoke. He wife, carrying her and one child from his burning dwelling. He returned for general laugh followed as Mr. Neviil, of another child, and his wife, realizing Nebraska, placed in nomination Mr. | there were two children sleep in the Stark, of his own state, who now is the | house, in her frenzy, rushed back into the burning house and when neighbors arrived on the scene found Mrs. Daniels and one child burned to a crisp. Another child is expected to die momentarily. Mr. Daniels is injured and his mental condition is such that it is impossible to get particulars from him. His condition is considered very seri-

ous. The cause of the fire is unknown. Fast Friends.

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Southern's Good Roads Train

Montgomery, Ala., December 2.-The Southern railway's goodroads train reached Montgomery last night, coming direct from Mobile. Practical demonstrations of road-building will be made here. Work was to start today, but but also counteracts any tendency of owing to inclement weather was postponed. A good roads state convention will be organized in this city shortly.

THE SUIF AGAINST THE STATE

Conference of the Governor and His have conferred upon me I profoundly | | Special Counsel - Bankruptoy Decisions

> (Special to The Messenger.) Raleigh, N. C., December 2.-The state charters the McClamroch Mantel Com-

to Lieutenants N. E. Gillican and George P. James, of Company C, Second of the last congress, no presiding officer | regiment, Wilmington; and Captain D. D. Parks, Company K, Third regiment, Mt. Airy.

The point was made today in a letter throughout the entire congress. Permit from the superintendent of public schools in Buncombe county, whether cities must pay a pro rata part of the expenses of the county superintendent and county board of education. The governor was consulted about the matter as the state superintendent is sick, and it is deceded that the law is positive and that the county board, before apportioning the school fund, must reserve enough to pay the county super-

intendent and school board. This afternoon the governor andcouncil of state had an important conference about the suit in the supreme court of the united states by South Dakota to enforce payment of the principal and interest of certain bonds of the Western North Carolina railway. The state's counsel, ex-Judges James E. Shepherd and James H. Merrimon and George Rountree were present, as was also president Henry G. Chatham, of the North Carolina railway.

At a term of the federal court which begins here tomorrow about 200 cases are on the docket.. Several are postoffice cases. A dozen are against counterfeiters, nine of the latter from this county. Judge Purnell today refused to grant a discharge in bankruptcy to J. H. Royall, of Sampson county, because he had made a false oath to a petition and schedule, knowingly concealing property from his trustees. The offense is punishable under the bankruptcy law.

The judge held in the bankruptcy case of Mann, Tatum & Co., from Elizabeth City, that a trustee under the general assignment was entitled to artual expenses in preserving an estate for the creditors, but not any allowance for his services in this behalf as he was simply an agent for the bankrupt.

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MRS. BONINE'S DEFENSE

Witnesses for the Defense in This Murder Case Testify

Washington, December 2.-In the case of Mrs. Lola Ida Bonine, indicted for the murder of James Seymour Ayres, Jr., witnesses for the defense were introduced today. In all fifteen witnesses were called, and it soon developed command forty votes on the democratic | that the line of examination would be side. To this Mr. Richardson returned | in the nature of showing that Mrs. Bonine evidenced no particular partiality toward Ayres; that her conduct and bearing towards him differed in no respects from that displayed toward other guest of the hotel.

The first witness called was William C. Hay, who, with his family, lived at the Kenmore at the time of the tragedy. He testified that the dances at the Kenmore were usually arranged by Mrs. Bonine, and at these dances her bearing toward Ayres was nothing out of the ordinary. It had been her habit, he said, when the dancers were not prompt in attendance to go to their

rooms and urge them to come down. He stated on cross examination that he understood it had been Mrs. Bonine's intention to leave the hotel, but after the tragedy he had advised her it would be improper to do so until the affair was cleared up.

Richard L. Jenks testified that he heard Mrs. Bonine giving Ayres advice about drinking to excess. George B. Gardner, assistant attorney in the interior department, to whom Mrs. Bonie first told her story and who

also was a government witness, testified that on that night he had seen Mrs. Bonine and Ayres dancing together and had observed nothing unusual in their conduct.

The case will be resumed tomorrow.

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A Steamer Out of Coal

Norfolk, Va., December 2.-The British steamer Pharsalia, Captain Smith. which sailed from Algoa Bay for New York September 9th, put in here today for coal, her store running so low that she burned her dunnage on the voyage. She is light, and on November 24th met a northwest gale on the edge of the gulf stream and banked her fires and was blown back so far that she steamground. She was twelve days north of he brandished at the guards. latitude 30 before she made Norfolk.

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Norfolk, Va., December 2.-At a meeting of committees from Norfolk, Portsmouth, Berkeley, Newport News, Hampton, Phoebus, Old Point and Norfolk county, in the Monticello rotel here today for the purpose of perfecting permanent organization of the Jamestown ter-centennial exposition, to be held somewhere in Virginia in 1907, a charter of an exposition company, whose purpose is to hold the affair near Norfolk in preference to Richmond, was read.

A Little Loss

of flesh and strength, little barking, obstinate cough and a little pain in the chest may not mean galloping consumption, but they are signs that pruANOTHER BANK CLOSED

The Teller Short \$100,000-Had Been Stealing for Years

Ballston, N. Y., December 3.-The First national bank, of this place, was closed today pending an investigation by a national bank examiner. It is stated that the closing of the bank's State guard commissions were issued | doors followed the discovery of irregularities in the accounts of the teller, Charles E. Fitcham. The bank began business in 1865. The investigation was pursued until it was seen that the defalcation had begun many years ago and attained large figures.

Bank Examiners Graham and Van Vranken were sent for and yesterday began a thorough examination. At the close of banking hours they reported a shortage of \$100,000. The directors then decided to close the bank pending an investigation, and a warrant for Fitcham's arrest was issued. Fitcham was bonded over in the amount of \$10,-000. He has a wife and one daughter.

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CHARGED WITH ABDUCTION

James Wilcox Held for Trial on Charge of Abducting Nellie Cropsy

Elizabeth City, N. C., December 3 .-The preliminary hearing in the case of James Wilcox, charged with the abduction of Nellie Cropsey was held today. The court house was crowded, The hearing was before Mayor Wilson, and four justices and lasted over four

Wilcox was held in \$1,000 bail for action by the grand jury on the charge of abduction. Bail has not been furnished and Wilcox is in custody of the sheriff. E. F. Aydellett appeared for the defendant and made an eloquent speech, The prosecution was represented by J. Heywood Sawyer, P. H. Williams and R. W. Turner. Few witnesses were examined. Among them were W. H. Cropsey, father of the missing girl and Miss Ollie Cropsey. Divers will make an exploration of the river bottom for the body of the missing girl.

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NEGRO DISFRANCHISEMENT

Resolution in Congress for Investigation Into Certain States' Election

Washington, December 3.-Representative Dick of Ohio, has introduced a resolution for a general investigation of the denial or abridgement of the right to vote in certain states, with a view to reducing the congressional representations from such states. The resolution recites that "it is a matter of common information and belief that the rights of some male citizens, being 21 years of age, to vote at elections is denied and abridged in certain states. In conclusion the resolution provides.

"Resolved, That the matter be referred to the committee on election of president, vice president and representatives in congress, with power to subpoena and examine witnesses under oath, and to send for records and other evidence, to investigate fully and completely, and report what, if any, propertion of the number of male citizens, 21 years of age, in any state, to whom said state denies or abridges the right to vote as aforesaid, except for participation in rebellion or other crimes, bears to the total number of male inhabitants of such state, being 21 years of age and citizens of the United States."

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DESPERATE EFFORT TO ESCAPE

Made by a Prisoner Just Before Hour for His Execution

Mount Holly, N. J., December 3 .-Charles Brown made a desperate attempt to break jail a short time before the hour set for his execution this

As his spiritual adviser, Rev. J. C. Diesinger, of Camden, was leaving the cell, in compliance with a wish of the prisoner that he be left alone half an hour to prepare himself for death, Brown suddenly rushed from his cell ly identified the one in evidence. rushed down stairs and aroused his ed five days in recovering the lost armed with a piece of lead pipe which

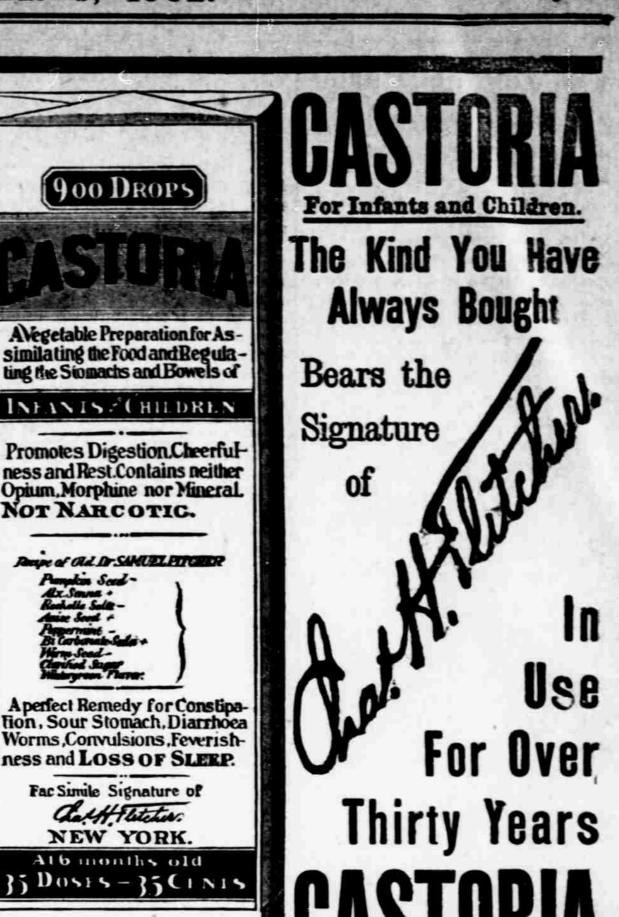
> Surprised by the suddenness of the attack, the guards fell back. Brown dashed down the corridor, sprang down a short flight of steps and had reached the kitchen. He waved aside the guards who were following him, jumped through a window and reached the yard where he armed himself with an

One of the deputies who approached the desperate man was struck on the arm with the piece of pipe, but others closed in on Brown and overpowered him. He was manacled and again Preparations for Virginia's Exposition | placed in his cell to await execution. At 10:05 Brown was hanged. He walked to the scaffold without betraying the slightest fear and had calmed down completely after his desperate at-

> tempt to escape from jail. Death was almost instantaneous. Brown's crime was the murder of a wealthy farmer named Washington Hunter for purposes of robbery.

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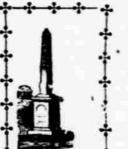
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IN MRS. BONINE'S DEFENSE

Witnesses Testify to Ayres Owning a Pistol-Wrapper Again in Evidence

Washington, December 3.-The case of Mrs. Lola Ida Bonine on trial for the murder of James Ayres, Jr., is expected to go to the jury the latter part of this

Three witnesses, intimate friends of Ayres, were put on the stand today and swore that they had seen a revolver in Ayres room. The wrapper worn by Mrs. Bonine on

the night of the tragedy was again the subject of discussion, the defence putting on the stand witnesses whose evidence was intended to discredit that given by Dr. Shaeffer, the government expert, who had testified that a careful examination of the wrapper had failed to disclose the presence of any blood spots thereon. Duncan B. Hubbard, of Mount Clemmes, Mich., who formerly lived at the Kenmore, testified that he had seen a pistol in a bureau drawer in Ayres' room and identified the weapon in evidence as being very similar to it. Thomas Ford, of Sanilac county, Michigan, testified that while on a visit here last January, Ayres had loaned him a revolver. The witness described the weapon in detail and said that the one with which the killing was done closely resembled it, even to certain marks on the handle. He also testified that when Ayres loaned him the pistol

it was loaded. J. P. Stevens also testified to having seen a pistol in Ayres' room and partial-A. E. Berklyn a dyer and scourer

said it was a simple operation to remove blood spots from garments and that he had frequently done so in a manner to leave no trace of the spots. Witnesses also testified during the morning session of the court to the dances frequently given in the hotel at which Ayres and Mrs. Bonine were present and to the bloody finger marks on the window curtain in Ayres' room. Fred C. Rutter testified that he had particularly noticed Ayres and his com-

panions about midnight of the night of

the tragedy and it was his impression

that they were under the influence of Carl E. Fletcher, a destective testified regarding the rents and tears in the wrapper worn by Mrs. Bonine on the night of the tragedy and Dr. Sterling Ruffin detailed the various tests commonly employed for determining the existence of blood stains. He had examined several specimens from the wrapper in the presence of Dr. Shaeffer

and Dr. Carroll and he had found distinct evidences of blood on the wrapper. The wrapper also was torn. The witness was still on the stand when court adjourned.

Army Electrical School Closed

Washington, December 3.-The secretary of war has directed that the enlisted men undergoing instructions at the school for electrician sergeants at Fort Monroe, Va., shall be sent without delay to the school of submarine defense at Fort Totten, New York, and that the

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